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Smoyer outlines economic plan

Student-candidate calls for end to Brundige's 'runaway spending'

Will York

Fiscal responsibility, industrial recruitment and "common-sense spending" highlight UTM student and Martin mayoral candidate Brent Smoyer's economic plan, which he says is a central tenet to his campaign against incumbent Randy Brundige.

Smoyer announced details of his economic plan Monday.

In his economic plan, Smoyer, 23, proposed a close inspection of the way Martin does business, and advocated cost-cutting without raising taxes. Additionally, Smoyer outlined a proposal to encourage industry and new commercial ventures to take root in the city.

"It's really a simple plan," Smoyer said. "We just can't spend more than we have. If you don't have the money, then you can't spend it."

The senior biology majorturned-politician said his administration would look closely at all expenditures, and then look for ways to reign in runaway spend-

ing.
"For instance," Smoyer "this month we approved \$9,000 for the



After a \$223,700 renovation, a Lindell Street building will house the REED Center, which mayoral candidate Brent Smoyer says is excessive. But officials contend the center's relocation will help revitalize the fledgling downtown economy.

upkeep of the city's flower beds, and that just doesn't make sense. I'm sure there are community service organizations, even on campus, which would be more than willing to take care of the flower beds on campus."

At the Oct. 9 meeting of the Board of Aldermen, Brundige recommended accepting a bid for \$9,000 per year for the maintenance of the city's flower beds and shrubs, which the board approved unanimously.

However, Brundige said by contracting the maintenance of the flower beds and shrubs to a third party, the city actually saves money.

There is no extra expense to the city here," Brundige said. "We do contracts so we don't have to buy the equipment and hire people to do the work. We've looked at the cost, but it's more expensive that way."

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Rope Pull at Pacer Pond

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Watkins Auditorium

Mr. UTM, Watkins

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Smoyer also questioned the city's recent \$223,700 investment in two downtown buildings on behalf of the Martin-based Regional Entrepreneurship Economic Development (REED) Center, a collaborative effort of UTM, the City of Martin and area banks.

At the October city board meeting, the city approved the \$223,700 bid to remodel two downtown buildings at 406 and 408 South

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Brundige denies mayoral debate

Will York

Incumbent Martin Mayor Randy Brundige announced Monday he would not take part in a debate against challenger and UTM student Brent Smoyer.

The debate, which was to be sponsored by The Pacer, would have taken place at 3 p.m. Wednesday and be moderated by UTM professor Henry Parker.

Smoyer agreed to the terms of the debate last Wednesday, but Brundige cited lack of adequate preparation time and scheduling conflicts in foregoing the debate.

"Considering the late notice, I don't really have time in my schedule to do a debate," Brundige said. "I keep a pretty booked schedule.'

However, Brundige did say he could participate in a debate against Smoyer on the afternoon of Nov. 6, one day ahead of the Nov. 7 election.

The Pacer denied that offer, citing inadequate time to properly inform the public as to the contents of a debate at such a late hour. The debate's timing would not allow adequate printing time for The Pacer ahead of polls opening.

Smoyer was disappointed at what he sees as a missed opportunity.

"I was looking forward to debating the mayor on both his record while in office and my own ideas for helping Martin."

Christian band sparks conflict

Jay Baker

The past few weeks have seen controversy erupt over UTM's booking of the band Sonicflood, which played last night in the Student Life Center.

The band played songs from their new CD, This Generation, which their Web site says is a "call to this generation ... to be what we're made to be: worshippers of God."

The controversy started when Adam Francis, a senior philosophy major, started the Facebook group: "Why is UTM using my money to book a Christian band?"

Francis said he did not get interested in the concert until he noticed that the Student Activities Council was sponsoring the event.

"I got onto their (Sonicflood's) Web site and found that one of their beliefs is that 'Jesus Christ is God's only provision for salvation and all people without personal faith in him are lost and will spend eternity in hell.' That's not the kind of thing I want my student activities fee being spent on," Francis said.

Francis went on to question the constitutionality of the move to sponsor the event. SAC, which collects a mandatory per semester fee from all students, spent \$10,000 to bring Sonicflood to UTM.

The leadership of SAC defended their decision to have the group play citing that they have brought in groups, musical acts and other forms of entertainment without preference to religious preference or ideology.

"Why should we limit ourselves to only secular entertainment?" said Amber Niblock, SAC Entertainment Chair. "When Sonicflood is going to be up there, there's not going to be a giant UT seal on there that says we're promoting this and we want you to convert to Christianity. Actually, you don't even have to go. It's not required."

However, the issue is

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Public Safety: Despite relative safety, crosswalks still scary spots

Michael Crump

Tuesday

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Wednesday

Thursday

As the number of students on campus rise, people should take more caution when driving near crosswalks, officials say.

"We are extremely fortunate that the number of pedestrians that have been struck over the years have been very low," said Ray Coleman, Interim Director of Public Safety.

There are a lot of precautions that need to be taken when crossing the crosswalks both by pedestrian and driver, explained Coleman. People need to realize that it is a two-way position; the drivers need to be alert as pedestrians walk across the crosswalk, and pedestrians

need to make sure they have the driver's attention before stepping out into the road. Pedestrians quite often assume that they have the right away. Coleman said that it is also important that drivers slow down and be prepared to stop. Just because the speed limit is 30 miles per hour does not mean motorists should obey the maximum speed limit at all times. Another point of con-

sideration is how talking on the cell phones are a distraction. A lot of pedestrians are on cell phones when they walk across the crosswalk and, thus, do not realize they are looking straight ahead or looking down and not looking for oncoming traffic. They do



not realize that it blocks a lot of their surroundings out while they are on it. Two words can save a person's life: "Hold on." After saying these two simple words pedestrians could easily

put the phone down as they walk across the crosswalk. Some more advice that Ray Coleman gave was when there are advisory weather conditions outside to always check twice before

making the final step out into oncoming traffic. The university installed lighting over

some crosswalks on campus. Instead of direct lighting on the crosswalks it has to be from the side that way it will keep from blinding oncoming traffic. The Department of Public Safety also has police out at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the afternoon in front of the campus. Coleman said that when the cops are not busy the Public Safety has them monitor traffic in case people decide to ignore the crosswalks. The best way to alert people is by education followed up by enforcement which I believe helps increase safety, Coleman

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Our View

Editorial:UTM entertainment should be unbiased

n the recent atmosphere of civil liberties losses at the federal level, it is all too disheartening to see UTM students' freedom of religion being challenged.

SAC recently paid \$10,000 to bring the Christian praise band Sonicflood to play in the Student Life Center last night. Not that there is anything wrong with Christian music, if that is your kind of thing, but there is most certainly something wrong with this university (or any governmental agency for that matter) endorsing a clearly religious band that will be playing for no discernable secular or educational purpose.

Constitutional interpretation and Supreme Court precedent are very clear on this issue. Government is not to abridge, curtail or restrict religion in any way. By the same token, however, government can not endorse any religion nor can it impose any religion on any segment of the American people. This means that any type of religious group can play in a public venue without restriction. This also means

that government cannot pay for it.

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They can pay for a religious group to play if they are there for a secular or educational purpose.

Sonicflood clearly is not secular in any sense of the word, nor are they educational, in the sense implied by legal precedent. Sonicflood brings no culture to Martin. Bringing a Christian praise band to a predominantly Christian region is not cultural or educational.

We realize that many people in the area (including students) were very happy to have the opportunity to see Sonicflood and we are glad that they are guaranteed the freedom to see whatever kind of band they want to see and worship any kind of way they want (or not at all). But we cannot be glad that SAC has spent students' funds to endorse a particular religion. SAC should continue to bring bands which represent all religious backgrounds, which they have been doing a great job of. They should stop paying for the overtly religious ones, though.

Technical Editor



Letters to the Editor

All sports deserve space

Sports is an important part of college life and *The Pacer* ... it warrants its own section. I feel however that the sports section has neglected what I, and many others feel, is an important part of UTM sports: Cross

Country. Despite being a young team, we have experienced leaders who are helping us to overcome first-year road blocks. OVC championships are Oct 28. Since this is during homecoming, we are not realistically expecting much of

a turn out, but it would be nice to see an article about this or even just a season wrap up. We work just as hard as any other team: running 40-70 miles a week. We don't expect a full page lay-out, but minimal coverage for a hard

A couple of weeks ago

working (and under-appreciated) UTM team would be nice.

Ben Stapp
Accounting and Finance
Franklin

America: home of the free, unless you're gay

It's great to be a man in this country.

At 16 years old, before we've figured out what has gone crazy with our bodies, we get keys to cars. At 18, we sign papers that says the government can put a gun in our hand, send us wherever and order us to destroy our enemies. Three years later, we can have a drink without being asked for identification!

As we get older, we have better paying jobs, we're chosen first for most positions and the bigger our bodies and muscles get, the better things are for us. We can have the pick of the proverbial litter of anyone we want to date, talk to, or walk over.

We then have the loudest truck on the block, the biggest house and the best looking partner to spend our lives with. If we're in the military, we get that snazzy parade when we come home and everyone loves us!

It's fantastic to be a man in America unless you're a gay man. Then things change.

The posters of hot guys in your locker are suddenly "dirty" and "obscene" but the posters of Victoria's Secrets models in the guy's locker next to you are okay. Every action is scrutinized from glancing at another man in friendly hello to looks that last longer than another man is comfortable with and life only gets worse from there.

It's more difficult to get into the military and not have to endure hazing by your fellow soldiers. If you survive boot camp and become an officer, you can only do so by hiding who you truly are. Your civil rights disappear almost completely.

Suddenly, being a man in America isn't quite as great. Let's say you meet someone at a nice church social (yes, even gay people to go church!) and you spend the next 15 to 20 years of your life with that person. What would be the next logical step after a long time with the same person? Marriage?

Perhaps if you were a heterosexual man, but because you are "different" somehow, that's not in the cards for you. Suddenly, the right that you have as a citizen to marry whomever you please goes right out the



Christian Ashlar Staff Columnist

proverbial window.

All over Martin, I have seen those little stand-ups with the slogan about marriage being "threatened" by men and women in this country who would like to enter into a sacred union with their longtime partners under the blanket of security and legitimacy that marriage provides their heterosexual brothers and sisters.

Every time I see one of them, I get this gnawing of disgust in my stomach. Could someone tell me when the act of loving another person became a threat?

Bible-Beaters, now's the part when you throw the Bible at me and begin to rant!

You might want to wait about that if you're a) wearing a cotton/poly blend shirt (Deut. 22:11), b) full from that pepperoni pizza (no pork – Deut. 14:8) or c) heading over to Red Lobster after church (Lev. 11:10-12) because there is no little or big sin, just sin in general, and a mirror, not a microscope, might be of

better use.

There is no threat to marriage by expressing love. The true threat to marriage is the total disregard of the vows taken during the ceremony. It isn't the gender of those people, but their inappropriate actions and complete lack of respect for their partners that is the true threat to the concept of marriage.

Perhaps the actual threat of allowing gay people to marry is that America would have to recognize them as people with the same rights as everyone else and could no longer legally discriminate against them. They would have to reform the ridiculous "don't ask, don't tell" policy and allow us the same rights and privileges that come with marriage.

The home of the free would have to treat fairly one of the very last legally discriminated groups who are required to pay taxes, get drafted, go to war and die for their country just like the normal people.

We can't print what we don't know, it's up to you

something very strange happened here to The Pacer staff. When some students were turned away from Sodexho because of a heretofore unwritten Sunday dress code, students got angry. Then they got involved. *Pacer* staff received e-mails. People came up to us, telling us what happened, and that we had to address the issue. That's not a problem for anyone on this staff. The two things that we all have in common are we hate injustice, and we have an insatiable curiosity. We have to know what's going on, when and how it happened, who's involved, and anything and everything else that other people don't want us to know. To put it bluntly, we're just plain nosy.

What was amazing though is that more students got involved than usual. Time and time again the staff laments that we just can't seem to get students to get involved, care about issues, and last but absolutely not least, talk to us. So many times we hear a complaint that such and such wasn't even in The Pacer. It's true that there's only so much space in the paper, and a certain amount must be blocked off for advertisers. Without them we wouldn't have a paper at all. It's also true that sometimes stories that



Elaine Wilson Staff Columnist

the editors plan to publish get bumped because some other issue suddenly comes from left field, such as the Sodexho dress code, taking everyone by surprise.

And if the truth be told, we need your help. As good as we are, we don't know everything. We don't have a crystal ball sitting on a desk here that lets us look into the future to know what's happening on campus. We have one ordered, but it hasn't come in yet. No one here knows how to read tea leaves (we live on coffee, colas and chocolate), and we can't find the little plastic pointy thing that goes to the Oiji Board. Actually, we can't even find the board. We live by a rule of organized chaos.

If you know of something going on that you think isn't right, let us in on it. If you think some issue should be addressed that hasn't been, tell us. If your club is having some type of activity and you want everyone to know, write to us. And if you choose to not contact us, then don't get mad when the story isn't in the paper, because even we can't print what we don't know.

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Eight candidates vie to become Homecoming Queen

Brittany Dowdy Staff Writer

The Homecoming Queen election will be held on Wednesday in the UC and in Gooch Hall between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The Student Government Association will preside over the elections. There are eight women running for Homecoming Queen this year.

The top five women from Wednesday's elections will be on the Homecoming Court. Then on Thursday, there will be a run-off election between the top two women. That election will also be held in the UC and in Gooch Hall.

In order to be eligible to run in either election, the women must be in good academic standing as well as disciplinary standing with UTM. Also, they must be nominated to run by a registered student organization on campus.

Courtney Brackeen, nominated by Sigma Alpha, is a sophomore Animal Science major with a concentration in science, which is similar to the pre-veterinary program. Brackeen is from Camden. She has been a member of Sigma Alpha since last fall where she serves on the community service committee. She is also involved in the Student Activities Council as the



Brackeen



and serves as the co-executive chair of the LeBonheur Marathon.

Megan Dempsey is representing Tri-Beta, a biology honor society. She is from Columbia and is a senior Biology major with an emphasis on cell and molecular biology. Dempsey plans on attending dental school next fall. She plays both soccer and softball for UTM.

"My main goal in running for Homecoming Queen is to try and persuade more students to get involved in the voting process. I love being a Skyhawk, and I am Homecoming my entire so proud of our football team this year. Hopefully through my example other



Dempsey



Assistant Gameroom Chair possible to follow your dreams of being a collegiate athlete and to also excel in the classroom," said Dempsey.

> Suha Haddad is a senior Finance major from Martin. She is representing Alpha Omicron Pi of which she has been a member for four years and held leadership positions. Haddad has also been involved in many other campus organizations including Phi Chi Theta, National Panhellenic Council Recruitment Chair, and Sigma Rho Chi.

"Growing up in Martin I have participated in life. Knowing this year I will represent the school is an honor to me. I have students will see that it is always seen the ladies of the



Haddad



Smith

Homecoming court as leaders of the university," said Haddad.

Jamie Harper is representing the sorority Alpha Delta Pi. She is an Education Elementary major from Springfield. Harper's accomplishments on campus include STEA, FFA, UAC, SOAR Staff, and Sigma Rho Chi.

"I feel like I am a great representative of this university and I am honored not only to serve as a representive of my sorority, but also for UTM," said Harper.

Representing Chi Omega is Lacey Hipps. She is a senior Nursing major from Cordova. She is also involved in campus activities such as serving as a





Stooksberry

Garnet Girl. "As a senior, I am honored to not only represent my sorority, but a university that has allowed me to meet new people and excel in my major while offering chal-

lenging opportunities everyday. I am running for Homecoming queen because I want to represent UT Martin for everything it means to me!"

Sierra Marshall is representing the Black Student Association. She is from Memphis and is involved in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. "I am running for Homecoming Queen with the desire to help improve and encourage student activity and participation."

Burena Smith is represent-

ing UTM Athletic Training Society on the ballot. Smith comes to UTM from Germany. She is a junior Athletic Training major.

"I am a well rounded young adult and enjoy my life here at UTM. I show my support for our school's athletes at the many events that I attend. Go UTM! I love it, I love it!"

Representing Zeta Tau Alpha is Sarah Beth Stooksberry. She is a senior Communications major from Martin. Her accomplishments include Women inCommunications, PRSSA, Student Activities Council and Sigma Rho Chi.

"I love UTM! I want to be part of its history. I already have my clubs, organizations, and members but it is just different and special to be on the Homecoming Court," said Stooksberry.

"I am excited about this year's homecoming elections. The young ladies are exceptional and they would all make a good Homecoming queen. This group makes me wish that more than one person could win. I wish them and their organization the best of luck," said SGA President James Orr.

Voting will take place Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Gooch Hall and the UC.

For more information call the SGA office at 881-7785.

SGA Senate denies faculty, staff use of UC fitness facility

Will York Managing Editor

that would have extended

to UTM faculty and staff

The Student Government Association's Campus Observation Committee has killed a resolution

limited use of the UC student Fitness Center, the committee announced at Thursday's Senate meeting. Campus Observation Committee Chair Sen. Kaylis Magras briefed senators on their rationale in nixing the resolution, saying the Fitness Center

dent fees. "The Fitness Center is an area for students to use exclusively," Magras said. "It's one of the very few places we can call our own. committee doesn't

belongs solely to students,

since it is funded from stu-

think it is a viable option to open the fitness center up."

In killing the resolution before reaching the Senate floor, the issue cannot be revisited until the next Senate convenes in April

Additionally, Magras told senators his committee is working on drafting recommendations to Sodexho Dining Services to improve health-conscious menu offerings in the Skyhawk Cafeteria and crosswalk lighting, as well as increase the number of recycling bins on campus.

In his report, James President Orr announced to senators he would be serving as a student representative on the search committee to find a replacement for retiring Chancellor Nick Dunagan.

for Student Affairs Jerald Ogg will chair the committee. Also slated to serve on the committee are faculty members Ann Duncan, Nell Gullett and John Schommer; student representative Caroline Tippens; staff members Youlanda Jones and Lt. Steve Sherfield; administrators, Shannon Burgin and Jim Byford; community members Michael Bobo and Joe Brasher; and UT Board of Trustees members Barbara Castleman and Jerry Jackson.

Orr also announced he would soon issue weekly radio addresses on UTM's student radio station, WUTM 90.3 FM. Orr said his weekly address is part of an ongoing effort to improve SGA communication with students, and Interim Vice Chancellor he will discuss upcoming

SGA-sponsored events and activities. Orr's radio program will air at 9 a.m. and noon every Monday.

In other business, the Senate unanimously passed a resolution outlining "Senate Rules of Order," which will supersede Robert's Rules of Order in Senate meetings. The resolution, recommended by the Procedures Committee and approved by Orr, grants committee chairs authority to refer issues to standing committees and gives the chairman of the Senate the "ability to change the order of the agenda" for Senate meetings.

The next SGA Senate meeting will take place at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2 in UC 111.

As always, students are welcome and encouraged



SGA Senate at a Glance

 SGA Senate declines proposition that enables UTM faculty and staff to use the UC Fitness Center. It cannot be revisited until April 2007.

 Draft recommendations for Sodexho to provide a more health-conscious menu are currently in the works.

 SGA President James Orr will serve as a student representative on the search committee to find a replacement for retiring Chancellor Nick Dunagan.

 Orr will soon begin a weekly radio address on WUTM 90.3 FM.

Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer's "Campus Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

Red Ribbon Week

The Alcohol Poisoning Awareness Red Ribbon Week is currently in progress and will run through October 27. Here are some ways to participate throughout the week. On Wednesday, come and drive the DUI Simulator or wear some Beer Goggles outside the UC from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. On Thursday and Friday, members of BACCHUS/GAMMA (Alcohol Peer Educators) will give you information on getting involved to keep students here on campus safe. This program will take place outside the cafeteria from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Spanish Club

All students are encouraged to join the UTM Spanish Club. Come and learn all about Spanish culture, participate in service activities and much more. Meetings are held at 4 p.m. every other Wednesday in HU 413.

Bible Study

Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church is hosting a H.Y.P.E. Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the white house on the campus of Southside Baptist Church. Come get the word and have fun while doing it. If you need a ride, call 587-5124, but please call ahead of time.

Homecoming Events

Wednesday will see Mr. UTM being recognized at 7 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium. Thursday at 7 p.m. will be the PRSSA Womanless Beauty Review followed by "UTMartin has Talent" SAC Homecoming Talent Show at 9:09 p.m. Friday is the Pyramid Building and PEP rally at 7 p.m. in SkyHawk Arena. That night SAC will be showing the movie "Ultraviolet" at 9 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium. Also, don't miss the Rope Pull going on all week starting at 4 p.m. at Pacer Pond. Saturday, Quad City will

2 p.m. the Skyhawks will be taking on Eastern Illinois.

Campus Interviews

Campus interviews are a good way for seniors and graduates to practice their interviewing skills and maybe even get a job offer! They must have a resume referral file with current resumes on file with our office before they can interview. If they have not set up their file yet, we will be happy to help them. We have many resources for students to use as they are developing their resume and credential files. Davidson, Golden & Lundy, CPA will be here on Thursday, Oct. 26. It is regarding a Staff Accountant position. It requires an Accounting degree (150 hours or more). For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Employment Information Services, UC 215.

be opening at 10:30 a.m. and at Why We Fight Information Film Series

Come on out and see this awardwinning documentary on the U.S. foreign policy over the last half century and the war in Iraq today. Features interviews with leading American politicians and leaders, as well as graphic war footage. This event will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26 in Library Media Services.

Graduate School Workshop

Help is on the way for those of you who are planning to attend graduate school. A Graduate School Workshop will be taking place at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 in the Holland McCombs Center. Take an official, full-length practice test of the GRE, MCAT, LSAT, GMAT, PCAT or the OAT. This workshop will also give you tips on how to make your application stand out, succeed on standardized tests, write your best personal statement,

find the right school for you and avoid common mistakes. The cost is only \$5, but you must register by Friday, Oct. 27 at the Holland McCombs Center. For more information, call 881-7436.

Trivia Bowl

Love trivia? Want to represent your organization well on campus? Participate in the campuswide Trivia Bowl! This event, sponsored by the University Scholars Organization, will be held on at 6 p.m. on Nov. 13 and 14 in Watkins Auditorium. To register, drop by the Honors Program office in the Holland McCombs Center OR sign your team up outside the cafeteria on November 1 and 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The deadline to register is November 6. The registration fee is only \$25. Come and compete against the sharpest minds in the school at the U.S.O.'s annual Trivia Bowl.

October 2006 initiates beginning of six major UTM capital projects

Kristin Wiseman Staff Writer

There are nearly \$50 million in changes planned for UTM's campus over the next few years.

Six projects will span October 2006-10. The first of these projects is already underway. Phase II of the housing project is in its final stage of demolition and construction on the new University Apartments is planned to start in January.

The long range goal with housing is to update all of the dorms.

"When Phase II of housing is complete we will step back and take a look at the rental structures, Browning, Ellington, and Cooper will be kept so rent will stay within student pricing," said Al Hooten, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration. "Over the next 10 or 15 years something will have to be done to maintain the 40-year-old dorms."

The next noticeable change on campus will be the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning upgrade in the Business Administration Building. It is currently in the design phase and plans are being arranged to move the faculty to Clement Hall. This renovation will call for the entire building to close.

At the conclusion of the spring semester 2007 the faculty will be moved and contractors will begin work The new immediately. Business Administration Building is planned to open

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in summer 2008.

Fine Arts Building is also in the design phase and closing of the entire building will take place after the Business Administration Building opens up. Fine Arts Building construction will include the addition of space for a small auditorium and classrooms, a heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning upgrade and modernization of the entire building.

Other upcoming projects include a two-story classroom and office addition in the current courtyard of Brehm Hall, the communications tower replacement and a former feed mill facility will be renovated for a diagnostic lab.

The money for these projects is funded by the state of Tennessee. Phase II of housing will be paid for by the rent it generates. UTM competes with all higher education facilities in

Tennessee for this money. When given the funds Al Hooten and others are responsible for maintaining the buildings on campus.

-Dr. Nick Dunagan, Chancellor

Each year, after a survey of each building and complaints are taken into consideration, plans are revised as to what renovations need to take place.

There is also a facility fee committee that uses money from the facility fee toward constant campus upgrades.

There are still more renovations and projects that are planned to take place several more years down the road. There needs to be an addition to EPS and additional classroom building, said Hooten.

UTM Chancellor Nick Dunagan expressed his optimism for the upcoming renovations.

"While I am very pleased and proud of the new construction and renovation that is being carried out on campus, I am equally proud of what goes on within the walls of UT Martin. We are keeping our facilities in top shape, and we also are ensuring that the instruction and service that is conducted inside these facilities is first class for our students.'

Professor initiates No Starving to Death e-adoption process to UTM

Jason Bohanan Staff Writer

When UTM marketing professor Michael Hyung-Jin Park read, "Give us this day our daily bread," he

took it to heart. Religious convictions led Park to found No Starving to Death (NSD), a local organization devoted ending starvation worldwide. NSD, which held its first meeting Sept. 9, seeks to help those who face starvation, not those suffering from non-lifethreatening hunger.

"I especially target people who are starving to death. My interest is in people who are dying because of [a lack of] food," says Park, adding that while some in the United States suffer from hunger, few are in danger of starvation.

Matthew 6:9-13, the frequently-quoted passage better known to Christians as the "Lord's Prayer," was especially influential in Park's decision to found

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NSD. Park thinks Matthew 6:11, which reads, "' Give us this day our daily bread," is particularly significant.

"I think there is something very important in that sentence. That means Jesus wants us to share today's bread with others. That's why he said 'give us,' not 'give me,'" says Park, who declined to identify his religious affiliation.

NSD plans to reach starving communities via e-adoption, a process invented and named by Park, who also serves as NSD's president. Using e-adoption, a community such as UTM or the city of Martin, would adopt a starving area in Africa via the Internet. The adoptive community would then send e-mails, supplies and monetary donations to its starving counterpart.

"Iwant tobe a match maker between our community and the communities that are starving to death," Park says. "To take care of one area doesn't cost a lot."



Hyung-Jin Park

Park hopes the e-adoption process spreads to other universities and cities that seek to help starving people. If every county in the United States adopted one area in need, starvation be eliminated worldwide, said Park.

"I hope our university is the starting point for eadoption," Park says.

Park vows that despite the group's small membership (four members attended the Sept. 9 meeting), NSD will continue its work to stamp out starvation until no one is faced with dying because of a lack of food.

"It is God's work, not mine," he says. "It is not my idea; God just gives [me] the idea."

New service creates easier event planning

Michael Crump Staff Writer

Do you need a speaker for a club or service organi-

zation meeting?

The UTM "Guide to Speakers and Sources" is an online guide to speakers and topics. This guide is designed to help the public with the wide range of human resources available at UTM. A variety of groups may find this guide useful in the selection of speakers or experts for various projects or meetings.

The guide, which can be accessed online through www.utm.edu/departments/univrel/speakers. php, is prepared in alphabetical order by general topic and divided into subtopics. It includes a professor that specializes in a specific area and has their office number in order to get in touch with them.

This online guide is easy

to comprehend for students as well as the general public in Weakley County and surrounding areas," said Rita Mitchell, university editor. "Some news that is national affects us locally and with this list we can find someone quick in that area to maybe perform a speech and educate us on what is going on and how it affects us here in Weakley County."

Mitchell said that there are a few things to take into consideration when booking people for an event. One of your top priorities should be to give them advance notice of the event. If at all possible, make this notice three weeks ahead of time. This way if they must cancel, that source could possibly redirect you in a way to find another speaker that specializes in that area so you could book another speaker.

Also, find out how many people are anticipated to attend the event. This way the speaker will be able to bring an accurate amount of handouts if necessary. You should also tell them how long they will be speaking so that they will prepare a speech accordingly. Organizers should also ask the speaker if they will need certain technology, such as a computer and screen to make a PowerPoint presen-

One important thing to be given to the speaker is directions to their speaking location. You do not want to have a crowd waiting to hear a speech and that person never show up because they could not find the location. For more assistance in making contact with speakers, call the office of University Relations at 881-7615.

Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

4:51 p.m., October 9 Gooch Hall

Report of a student complaining of severe abdominal pains. Subject was treated on the scene and transported to the hospital by EMS.

8:43 a.m., October 10 Lot 19

Report of a disturbance. Officers responded and referred the subject to Student Affairs.

12:55 p.m., October 11 Cooper Hall

Subject reported the theft of personal property. Investigation continues.

1:31 p.m., October 11 Lot 6

Traffic accident involving two vehicles.

11:15 p.m., October 11 **University Village**

Zachary A. McMinn was put on the first offender alcohol violation list through Student Affairs.

3:37 p.m., October 12 University St.

Report of a subject that had fallen in the crosswalk. Officers and emergency personnel responded and treated the subject on the scene. Subject was transported to the hospital by EMS.

5:41 p.m., October 12 **Elam Center**

Report of an injured subject. Officers and emergency personnel arrived

and the subject was treated on the scene. Subject refused transport to the hospital.

2:01 p.m., October 13 Lot 1

Traffic accident involving two vehicles.

9:04 a.m., October 19 Hurt St.

Subject's vehicle was towed due to an excessive amount of traffic tickets.

10:16 a.m., October 19 Gooch Hall

Subject reported the loss of their university keys. Report on file.

12:55 p.m., October 19 **Business Administration**

Report of a solicitor in the building. Officers responded and advised the subject of university policy. The subject departed campus.

12:57 p.m., October 19 **Lot 15**

Traffic accident involving two vehicles.

10:15 p.m., October 20 **Humanities Building**

Subject reported theft of university property. Investigation continues.

2:17 a.m., October 23 Lot 12

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Browning Hall pumpkin carving contest has better turn-out than expected

Bessie Cherry Staff Writer

UTM Housing sponsored its annual Fall Fest Thursday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. in the lobby of Browning Hall. Housing residents enjoyed s'mores and hot chocolate before competing in the organization's annual pumpkin carving contest at 8 p.m.

Tables were set with pumpkins and the 20 residents who entered the contest were given one hour to carve a stenciled image, or an image of their choice, into a pumpkin. Residents worked in groups of up to three and carved everything from traditional pumpkin faces to haunted houses, cats, bats and even human profiles.

Carvings were judged by Assistant Director of Resident Life Ryan Martin, Browning Hall Director Jimmy Hubbard and Residence Life Student Assistant Jeanetta Anderson-Hardy.

"There were so many unique carvings that we really had a hard time judging them," said Hubbard. "In the end, we gave away more prizes than we intended."

Housing awarded three first place spots, three second place spots, three third place spots for a total of nine prize packages. The ultimate first place spot was awarded to Clement Hall resident Aaron Herrera for his carved pumpkin titled "Baby Daddy," which featured a small carved pumpkin inside of a larger pumpkin. Herrera received the DVD Lake House and two Domino's pizzas.

Browning Hall residents Yevgeniy Radetskiy and carving partner Rina Bustillo also placed first. The pair carved a memorial tribute pumpkin in honor of the late

Steve Irwin, also known as the "Crocodile Hunter." They were awarded a Scarface: Platinum Edition DVD and two Domino's pizzas. Paul Thames, resident of Ellington Hall, also claimed a first place spot for his carving of a raccoon standing inside a pumpkin. He received an X-Men: Collectors Edition DVD and two Domino's pizzas.

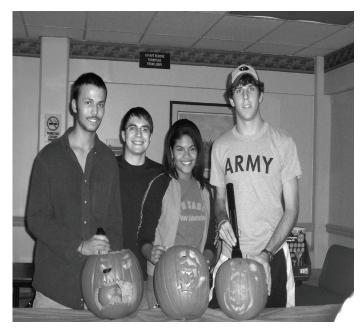
Meredith Woodard of Browning Hall and partner Sergio Bustillo of Cooper Hall placed second in the contest, as did partners Torrie Helm and Jake Seeley, both Browning Hall residents. Steven Jones of Browning Hall also placed second. Second place winners were awarded college sur-

Third place winners included partners Rachael Alavarez and Caitie Gussenhoven, both of Ellington Hall, and Andrey Yesipov and Belisa DeBrito of Browning Hall. Third place winners received a large bucket of Halloween candy and treats.

Martin says the 2006 Fall Fest was a success considering weather conditions. Original plans for the festival, which included grilling out in the Browning/Ellington circle and a live band performance, faltered due to Thursday's con-

"We thought about re-scheduling but we knew everyone including the residents would be busy participating in Homecoming activities all during next week," said Mar-

H-3 Browning Resident Assistant Joe Jones, who helped organize the Fall Fest, said, "We're disappointed that the weather didn't coincide with our outdoor plans for the festival but everyone who came seemed to have a great time. UTM Housing is pleased with the turn-out and we thank



BESSIE CHERRY/ The Pacer Aaron Herrera, Yevgeniy Radetskiy, Rina Bustillo and Paul Thames all won first place at the annual

everyone who participated."

Browning Hall Pumpkin Carving Contest.

'The Prestige' promises to wow and confuse, just like a real magic show

Rachel Rogers Arts & Entertainment Editor

Are you watching close-

Christian Bale and Hugh Jackman light up the screen as two magicians battling to be No. 1. And they're not exactly the nicest two men you'll ever meet.

Set in the 1890s, Bale (Alfred Borden) and Jackman (Robert Angier) start off as two aspiring magicians who are plants to another magician. While not the best of friends, the two manage to get along and discuss the different techniques of a magician.

Then, one fateful day, Angier's wife, who was the magician's assistant, is killed when she is dropped into a water tank and can't slip out of the knot that Borden had tied. So begins a feud that lasts an entire lifetime

Fingers are lost, legs are broken and even lives are torn apart just so one magician can outdo the others. And there's another twist in the story.

David Bowie.

Well, not David Bowie himself, but his portrayal of Nikola Tesla, the inventor who brought radical new ideas to the scientific community. When all the other ideas have run out, Angier turns to Tesla, believing Borden had also gone to the inventor for new ideas for magic tricks.

You'll find yourself looking for a person to die throughout the entire movie, but it's hard to find one. Michael Caine, in his role as Cutter, the man who invents new magic tricks, is probably the closest thing to a 'hero' this movie has. Both men are cutthroats, and will stop at nothing to come out on top, even at the risk of their own lives,

and the lives of their families. While I found myself siding more with Angier----after all, having your wife killed can be a pretty strong motivator---I ended up wondering which of the two men were worse in the long run. For example, Angier sends his assitant Olivia (Scarlett Johansson), who seems to have fallen in love with Angier, to spy on Borden. She then falls in love with Borden, prompting him to have an affair. Borden then ruins Angier's version of The Transported Man, Borden's "masterpiece" of a trick, and causes him to permanently have a limp. Then Angier kidnaps Borden's assitant and buries him alive, prompting Borden to give up the secret of his notebook so that Angier can have all of his tricks. Believing Borden had acquired a machine from Nikola Tesla, Angier heads to America to seek out Tesla and get a machine of his own.

Meanwhile, Borden's wife Sara disovers his affair with Olivia. And when Borden tells her that he doesn't love her (the point at which I believe nearly every woman in the audience was ready to kill him), she goes and hangs herself.

Angier eventually gets his machine and returns to England, ready to shock the world, and to draw out Borden, with his latest trick, the new version of The Transported Man. This ends up being the greatest magic trick of all because, well, there is no magic! No illusion, no slight-of-hand. It's all science, and it ends up being the world's first cloning machine! But shhh, you didn't hear that from me. You know how these magicians are with their techniques. They'd rather die than hand them over, which also comes to play

later in the movie.

All in all, the movie was well done. It was an original plot that left you guessing right up until then end, and you still found yourself scratching your head when it was all over. However, this is not a kid-friendly magic show. The movie is very dark, and you'll find yourself on more than one occasion wanting to seriously hurt one of the characters on screen. However, it was interesting to see how magicians work behind the scenes. And these were not your ordinary, run-of-themill magicians. Set at the turn of the century, these guys were given the same treatment as modern-day rock stars. Shows are sold out and people are willing to pay a good chunk of money to see these guys perform.

It was a well-deserved break from Bale and Jackman's roles in comic book movies. While they both did outstanding jobs in Batman Begins and X-Men, it was interesting to see them in darker, original roles.

The movie does have a few interesting plot twists at the end that make up for whatever you may think this movie lacks. This keeps you glued to your seat---and your jaw hanging open---even after the movie is over. It might be a bit confusing for some. I had to have it rehashed once or twice before I finally got the entire scope of what had happened. But it's a movie well-worth seeing, especially if you want to see something other than a patriotic movie about a photograph.

So watch closely, and you just might learn a trick or two yourself. But remember, a good magician never gives up his secrets.

UTM gets ready for the dance floor

India Dean Staff Writer

The Department of Visual and Theatre Arts Contemporary Dance class showcased their dancing talents on the UC patio on Oct. 23.

Contemporary Dance instructor Nadia Beard welcomed all on-looking students and thanked them for coming out on such a chilly afternoon.

The dancers began with some warm-up exercises. Some of the dances included back-to-back positions, discovering body parts, mirroring, floor patterns

and personal space. Beard explained the history behind some contemporary dances. According to londondance.com, "A group of new, younger choreographers emerged, chiefly during the 1960s and 70s, described best as the new experimentalists or tar avant-garde. Dances seemed to be improvised and unstructured, pedestrian movements drawn from daily life. They performed on lofts, remolded warehouses, church basements, streets, parks, etc., rather than proscenium theaters



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Jerry Snipes and Ashlee Johnson perform a "love dance."

or concert halls."

"The sole purpose of modern dance in education is to encourage creativity and self expression," Beard

After the warm-up period the dancers and their instructor demonstrated several dances for the audience. The crowd also joined in during the free dance period which caused a riot of laughter. As the dance session continued more and more spectators gathered around to see what was going on.

"The program was en-

tertaining and definitely something new," said Carlisa Cowan, a Secondary Education major. The finale of their pre-

sentation included a "love dance" performed by junior Theater major Jerry Snipes and sophomore Theatre major Ashlee Johnson. The duo performed to Beyonce and Stevie Wonder's rendition of Luther Vandross' "So Amazing." Terrence Shaw, a senior Criminal Justice major, said, "It was an interesting display of talent here at UTM."

This weekend at the box office...

Movie	Weekend Earnings	Total Earnings
1. The Prestige	\$14,800,000	\$14,800,000
2. The Departed	\$13,700,000	\$77,100,000
3. Flags of our Fathers	\$10,200,000	\$10,200,000
4. Open Season	\$8,000,000	\$69,600,000
5. The Grudge 2	\$7,700,000	\$31,400,000
6. Flicka	\$7,700,000	\$7,700,000
7. Man of the Year	\$7,000,000	\$22,500,000
8. Marie Antionette	\$5,300,000	\$5,300,000
9. Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning	\$3,900,000	\$36,000,000
10. The Marine	\$3,700,000	\$12,500,000

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UTM music mania: students hold concerts and senior recitals



MEGHAN GREEN/ The Pacer From left: Megan Hannah, Josh Gatlin, Will Burdette and Cara Thomas perform a saxophone quartet at their recent Chamber Ensemble Concert.



From left: Bryan Scott and Adrian Baker perform "Bear Talk" at Baker's recent senior percussion recital.



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Adrian Baker (left) performs "A Good Friday" at his

Bryan Scott (right) performs 'Il Mano" at his recent senior percussion recital. He received a standing ovation

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Buying a camera can be very overwhelming when looking at the big picture

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razy though it may sound, we all know the Christmas shopping season is just around the corner. While Christmas should be the happiest season of all, the thought of shopping for the perfect camera to capture those holiday memories can be a total nightmare.

For that reason, over the next three weeks I am going to take the mystery out of shopping for digital cameras. I am taking three weeks to cover them, because there are simply too many cameras – and types

of cameras – on the market today to limit it to one article.

The first question someone normally asks me about cameras is what type of camera to buy. Given the availability and relatively low prices of

digital cameras, I rarely recommend a film camera. The question then becomes, "What type of digital camera should I buy?" I generally divide the world of digital cameras into three broad sections that encompass most, if not all, consumer cameras.

The first group is the compact digital camera which for my purposes includes what the industry calls "compacts" and "ultra compacts." These two distinctions, based on the size of the camera, are not important to subdivide here. Compacts are the smaller body cameras that don't have high-powered zooms or removable lenses. These are generally the least expensive and are well suited for college and family life, as well as posting to the Web.

The second group consists of the high-zoom digital cameras and is a smaller group. It is impor-



Matt Cook Technical Editor

tant to note that there is a difference between optical zoom and digital zoom, of which a lot of consumers are uninformed. Optical zoom is a physical movement of the lens closer to the subject that creates a clearer, sharper image of the focused area. Once the lens has moved as far as it

can, digital zoom takes over and camera's computer crops the image in all directions make the subject take up more room on the photo. It does not increase the actual clarity of the image. With that in mind, the best high-zoom cameras can be quite

tricky. We'll look at them next week.

The final group is the digital single-lens reflex camera, or DSLR. Without being overly complicated, suffice it to say that DSLRs use a mirror to project the image to the viewfinder before reaching the shutter. (For those of you who crave more technical information, just google "DSLR.") DSLR users have the advantage of being able to change lenses for different photographic needs from telephoto to wide-angle lenses. Most DSLRs have a six- or larger megapixel censor, advantageous for printing photos. The most significant downside is the cost: a good DSLR will cost over \$1000, with each additional lens costing \$200 and up.

I hope these articles over the next three weeks take away the mystery and headache of digital camera shopping. Happy hunting!

Zooming in on compact cameras



Matt Cook Technical Editor

As mentioned in this week's column, compact digital cameras flood the photography market with so many varied models it is nearly impossible to cover them all. Rather than fill this article with a brief look at many cameras, a comparison between two company's compact lines and two higher-scale compacts is presented. Neither choice in the comparison is necessarily better than the other, but knowing about the features and what/how it works best will enable the consumer to purchase the correct camera for his or her needs.

Kodak Easy Share ONE

The Easy Share ONE line consists of two cameras that share the same features - one is six megapixels and the other is four. Both have three-inch rotating displays with touchscreen menus but no viewfinder, and feature 185 MB of usable internal memory, enough for 1500 pictures at low resolution. (Editor's note: shooting in the highest resolution mode possible is recommended unless the amount of memory restricts that possibility. It is always possible to downsize the photos later but enlarging a small image simply results in grainy, pixelated photos.)

Both models sport German engineered 3x optical zoom Schneider-Kreuznach Varigon lenses that are high-quality. Also featured on the Easy Share ONE is the ability to wirelessly send photos to a computer or printer that has a Kodak wireless card in it. Best of all in the Easy Share ONE line is the pricing: the fourmegapixel camera retails for around \$199.95, the six-megapixel version for \$299.95. For more technical information, go to kodak.

Sony DSC-W line

The Sony W line consists of four cameras: the W30 six-megapixel, W50 sixmegapixel, W70 7.2-megapixel and W100 8.1-megapixel. The W30 and W50 are quite similar except that the W30 comes in light blue, white and silver and has a two-inch screen instead of a 2.5-inch screen. All of the cameras have 3x optical zoom Carl Zeis lenses, another high-quality Germanengineered lens. They also feature 2x digital zoom for a total of 6x zoom. The W line cameras have ISO sensitivity up to at least 1000 (ISO is a relative measurement of how sensitive the sensor

is to light. Higher numbers work better in lower lighting but are grainier) and can record small MPEG videos. The W line uses Sony's proprietary Memory Stick DUO for storage.

The Sony DSC-W line (30, 50, 70, 100 respectively) costs \$199.95, \$229.95, \$279.95, to \$349.95. More information can be found at sonystyle.

Fuji FinePix E900

The Fuji E900 is a ninemegapixel camera that costs between \$300 and \$500. It features a 4x optical zoom and 7.6x digital zoom for a total of 30.4 zoom. It has fully manual functions in addition to its automatic setting ("manual settings" means that the user can change the ISO, shutter speed and aperture settings for different exposures.) The camera has a two inch LCD screen – a little on the small side - and a glass viewfinder. It has the capability of shooting in RAW mode, a feature rarely seen in compacts. There is virtually no shutter lag on the camera (the delay between when the shutter release is pressed and the actual picture is taken) making it ideal for objects in motion.

The E900 can record MPEG video but file sizes are large and there is no zoom feature. It runs on double-A batteries instead of a larger rechargeable battery specific to the camera. More information can be found at Fujifilm.com.

Nikon Coolpix S6

Marketed as a stylish camera with fun features such as an in-camera slide show, the Coolpix S6 is the latest in the Nikon Coolpix line. The S6 is a six megapixel, 3x optical zoom camera that sports a three-inch LCD screen but no viewfinder. The camera comes with built-in Wi-Fi to send your pictures to your computer or an equipped printer, although set-up can be a little time-consuming. The camera has an on-board help section which might make it appealing for new photo enthusiasts. It does not have a manual mode like the Fuji E900 but it does feature movie and macro modes. Shutter lag is greater than that of the E900 and therefore less suited for use with objects in motion. Image quality is also less than the E900 and similar cameras, with lower than normal resolution for a six megapixel camera. The camera as a whole is still good, particularly for consumers wanting a stylish, fun camera around \$350. More information can be found at nikondigital.com.

Free expression made simple with blogs

Jon-Michael St. Amant Staff Writer

Free expression in the digital age goes well beyond pen and paper. Gone are the days of the lock and key diary and the spiral notebook. The Internet has opened up a new era logging your own thoughts and ideas,

and it is called the blog. Of course many of us know what a blog is by now. Most are already blogging using various different methods; however, many never stop to consider the immense amount of options made available for our blogging needs.

All college students seek to get the most bang for their buck. Keeping that in mind, the following list of blog services are the best free blog providers which will enable you to generate a good blog that can be potentially widely read.

Blogger.com: Probably the most well-known blog host is Blogger. This extension of the Google Empire is an excellent site which provides a wide variety of features to make your blog really stand out. Most notably about Blogger is its flexibility. Specifically, Blogger extends a Blogger Moble service. One can post text and pictures on your blog wirelessly from your cell phone. Also, blogger widgets exist to view, edit, and create blogs effortlessly from your desktop. Also, Blogger



allows for more than just personal blogging. Group blogs offer an excellent opportunity for small sects to post in unity. In addition, Blogger is also stylistic. With many different templates to choose from one can find their own style and begin posting in minutes. Also, it doesn't hurt that this is a Google service, so surely continuing additions are to come. For a respectable, stylish and flexible blog one cannot go wrong with Blogger. (www.blogger.com)

EasyJournal.com:

If you do not like to fall in line with the trends, another analogous blog service is EasyJournal. This host has the same feel as Blogger, but has different, yet appealing features. In case you want to know how many people are checking out what you have to say, Easyjournal offers statistics to make that information readily at hand. There are dozens of templates to choose from, all of which are unique and aesthetically pleasing. Though EasyJournal is free, one can purchase Easylournal PRO for \$14.95 for 6 months. Subscribing to this service opens up a world of extra features not available for the average

MySpace.com:

Myspace.com is a social networking site which provides a blog outlet for its members. The advantage of Myspace's blogs is that they are generally user-friendly. Once you establish an account with Myspace, blogging is steps away. Also, Myspace offers the ability to post your current mood. Inspired by a song, book or movie? Myspace offers a section which allows the user, while constructing the blog, to enter that information. Myspace then generates that information and provides artwork. Also, since it is the largest social networking site on the Internet, an individual's blog is very likely to be read, at least, by some of the "friends" one has on the site. The biggest drawback of Myspace blogs is that they are very bland. Myspace only offers its basic default template which is lackluster. So unless you are well-versed in programming skills, Myspace blogs will remain simplistic and sub-par. (www.myspace.com)

Web site of the week

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Jay Baker Asst. News Editor

This week's Web site of the week, LinkedIn, is a grownup version of MySpace. Users can create a profile listing their work experience, activities, awards and connections. Basically, it is an

on-line résumé. Once you get your profile set up, invite your friends. One of the more useful functions of this site - connections - allows you to network. Your connections can also "recommend" you, leaving a positive comment about the work you did while in a certain position. For example, your former manager can leave a comment like, "Jane Doe was very hard-working and a team player while interning with us here at XZY Inc.

Once you get a few recommendations and positions, you can include the URL to your profile (www.linkedin.com/in/yourname) in

.com

your e-mail signatures to prospective employers. But LinkedIn is more than

just a grown-up MySpace; it also offers services similar to www.monster.com. Employers can search for prospective employees and you can, in turn, search for positions you desire. If you should ever need any manner of service from graphic design to dentistry to legal advice, LinkedIn has a directory of these and many more services connecting you to users who have been recommended by others.

For freshman, this site may seem a bit useless and it probably is. But for those of us preparing to graduate and seek some type of employment, LinkedIn can be a part of your strategy to make yourself marketable. Having your own Web site is great, but a LinkedIn profile is almost as good, and besides ... it's free. This one is definitely worth checking out.



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Skyhawk defense shines in road win over Samford

Brad Hurt Sports Editor

Although it certainly would not win any beauty contest for its offensive execution, the Skyhawks' 10-6 victory over Samford added another favorable result to their 2006 schedule.

The win, which extended the team's current streak to six games, guaranteed a second consecutive winning season for the Skyhawks. This is the first time since 1976-77 that the team has accomplished such a feat.

It also marked the first victory for the Skyhawks against the Bulldogs since 1988, when few current Skyhawk players had a good idea of what football was.

Once again, the defense provided the spark for the Skyhawks by keeping the Bulldog offense from reaching the end zone, an accomplishment that drew great praise from head coach Jason

"The most obvious thing about today was we kept them out of the end zone," said the Skyhawks' first-year head coach. "I was very proud we didn't give up a touchdown today. I thought we played well. We gave up some runs here and there.'

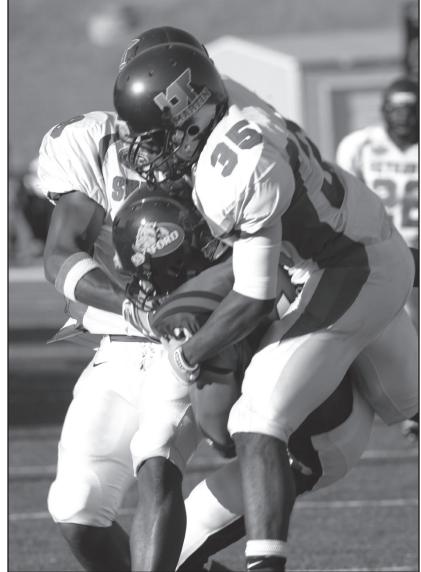
The Skyhawk defense kept the Bulldog offense from scoring on its first three possessions of the game.

Led by Marcus Rice, who rushed the ball 12 times for 67 yards, the Bulldogs managed to gain 97 rushing yards on 33 carries against the Skyhawk defense. The Bulldogs outgunned the Skyhawks through the air as quarterbacks Jefferson Adcock and Alex Mortensen combined to complete 12-of-33 passes for a total of 141 yards.

Whatever advantage the Skyhawks gave the Bulldogs through the air, they more than accounted for on the ground, outgaining their opponent by the whopping margin of 208 yards to 97 yards on only six more carries. The Skyhawks ran the ball 39 times as opposed to the Bulldogs'

Skyhawk freshman quarterback Dexter Anoka completed 7of-10 passes for a total of only 63 yards but did not throw an interception. His longest completion came in the second quarter when he found Jesse Burton on a 19-yard completion that set the Skyhawks up near midfield. However, the possession would result in one of two turnovers for the Skyhawks as Anoka fumbled the ball after being hit by

Samford's Steve Tennin. Although the Skyhawks gave up more passing yards than they posted, their defense also came away with two interceptions on



the day. Dontrell Miller prevented a Samford touchdown on the final play of the first half by picking off an Adcock pass at the Skyhawk 3-yard line and returning it 74 yards to the Samford 23 before finally being tackled.

The Skyhawks got off to a positive start by posting a touchdown on their first drive of the game. The odds seemed to be against a quick score when the Skyhawks began the drive deep in their own territory at the 16-yard line, but Anoka turned things around with one play.

After two Chapman runs gained a net total of one yard, Anoka took matters into his own hands and dashed for a 66-yard carry that instantly transformed a difficult situation into a legitimate scoring opportunity. With the ball on the Samford 17, the Skyhawks kept the ball in the trusty hands of their junior tailback Chapman, who carried the ball three straight times and found the end zone with a 12yard burst that made the score

Senior kicker Taylor Brown had a perfect day, punctuating Chapman's score with an extra point and connecting on a 21yard field goal to stretch the lead to 10-0 with 3:11 remaining in the first quarter.

Despite facing a two-possession deficit, the Bulldogs refused to go down quietly in front of an enthusiastic Homecoming crowd. After stopping the Skyhawk offense on a fourth down play at their own 23, the home team marched down the field and scored on a 14-play drive that ate 6:31 off the clock. Adcock completed a 35-yard pass to Jeff Moore to set up his offense in Skyhawk territory. After a few unsuccessful rushing attempts, the Bulldogs got a break when the Skyhawks were called for a 15-yard roughing the passer penalty that placed the ball on the UTM 17. From there, the Bulldogs continued to pound away at the Skyhawk defense with the run but the visitors refused to crack, holding them to a field goal.

"For the most part I think our defense had a good scheme today," Simpson said.

The Skyhawks entered the game ranked No. 5 in the nation in rushing defense, seventh in the nation in pass efficiency defense, sixth in total defense, 11th in scoring defense and 15th in pass defense.

The defense put the finishing touches on the win with 35 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter when Kevin Rondo intercepted Mortensen's pass at the Skyhawks' 21 yard line.

Linebacker Markeseo Jackson led the Skyhawk defense with eight total tackles, including seven solo tackles. Jackson



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Far left, Skyhawk defensive back **Dontrell Miller** brings down a Samford player to record one of his three tackles during Saturday's 10-6 victory. Near left, another Samford player feels the Skyhawk crunch as he falls below two UTM players. The win boosted UTM to No. 12 in The Sports **Network's I-AA** College Poll, released Monday, as well as the **CSN Coaches** Poll.

Linebacker Jackson named player of week

UTM Sports Information

UTM senior linebacker Markeseo Jackson was named the Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Week for his effort in the Skyhawks' 10-6 victory over Samford University this past

Jackson led the Skyhawks with seven solo tackles and one assisted tackle (eight total tackles). He also had a fumble recovery and one pass breakup in the win over Samford. He helped limit the Samford offense to 97 yards rushing and 131 yards of passing.

Jackson is also a candidate for The Buck Buchanan Award, an honor that goes to the top defensive player in I-AA football. More information on The Buchanan Award can be found at The Sports Network's website (www.sportsnetwork.com).

received OVC defensive honors for his performance. Also coming up big in the Skyhawks' defensive effort were senior cornerback Jack Greenwood and freshman defensive end Nate Wilson with five solo tackles each. Sophomore linebacker Tirrdell Byrd recorded the Skyhawks' only sack of the game when he dragged down Adcock at the Samford 7 yard

line in the first quarter. This latest victory boosted the team four spots to No. 12 in The Sports Network's I-AA College Poll, released on Monday. The CSN Coaches Poll released on the same date also listed the Skyhawks at No. 12.

The team is ranked at or near the top of the conference in several statistical categories.

The Skyhawks are currently ranked first in the OVC in scoring defense, allowing an average of 12 points per game. Their rushing defense, which is allowing an average of 88.1 yards per game, is the best in the conference. They

are allowing an average of 143.6 passing yards per game, second only to Samford in the conference. They are also second in rushing offense, averaging 215.1 yards per game.

The Skyhawks, who have now won three consecutive road games since opening the season with a 29-3 loss at Division I-A opponent Ohio, will return home for the Homecoming game against No. 14 Eastern Illinois on Saturday.

The Skyhawks will enter Saturday's game in search of their second straight Homecoming

Last year's game resulted in a 46-16 Skyhawk victory over OVC foe Tennessee Tech.

The Skyhawks have an all-time record of 28-26-0 in Homecoming games dating back to the 1952 season. EIU's last visit to Martin for Homecoming Weekend came in 1996, when the Panthers shut out the Skyhawks 38-0.

Skyhawk junior middle Kathryn Sprague returns the ball during a recent match. Sprague led the Skyhawks to a 3-1 victory over EIU on Oct. 13 by hitting .667 with 12 kills. She was one of four Skyhawks to hit at least .400 in the match.

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Skyhawks split home matches, fall on road to Golden Eagles

The UTM volleyball team came out with a 3-1 victory at home on Oct. 13 against Eastern Illinois.

The team hit .321 and had 13 blocks against EIU, who hit .136 with one block.

Led by Kathryn Sprague who hit .667 and had 12 kills, the Skyhawks had four players to hit .400 or better.

The Skyhawks took command to pull out a 30-22 win in the first game and followed that up with a 30-21 win in the second game.

The Skyhawks struggled in the third game, allowing EIU to avoid the sweep with a 30-27 win.

UTM took control of the final game by taking a dominating lead and never letting up, ending the night with a 30-16 win.

The win boosted the Skyhawks' record to 15-6 overall and 4-3 in the OVC.

The Skyhawk volleyball team fell victim to the injury bug losing a road contest to Tennessee Tech 3-1. The loss drops their overall record to 16-8 and 5-5 in Ohio Valley Conference play. Tennessee Tech's record improves to 7-16 overall and 4-5 in the

With key players Dimphy Sasse and Breanne Carey sidelined with injuries and Tammy Konitzer playing with a cast on her hand, the Skyhawks began the match wounded. The Golden Eagles were able to take advantage and win the match by

scores of 30-21, 32-30, 27-30, 30-28.

UTM came out with aggressive play in the first game that gave them an early lead. Midway through the Golden Eagles were able to find their rhythm, hitting .306 percent and fight back to win 30-21.

In the second game the Golden Eagles relied on timely kills and capitalized on Skyhawk errors in a back and forth game. At a critical point of the match Anna Gautreau served back-to-back aces to tie the match at 28-28. Tech eventually took an advantage and came up with a key block to secure a victory 32-30.

In the third game UTM came out of the locker room refocused it showed as they were able to hit .378 as a team and cruise 30-27.

The Skyhawks seemed to be in control of game four, continuing the momentum they built up in game three until a controversial call that went against them late in the game. The call gave Tennessee Tech a match point situation they were able to take advantage of and win the final game

The Skyhawks will look to their next match as they step out of conference play for a date with Lipscomb University, tonight at 7 p.m.

Staff writer Thomas Fulcher and UTM Sports *Information contributed to this report.*

Soccer team to face EIU in 1st OVC tourney bid since 2003

UTM Sports Information

UTM's soccer team will face Eastern Illinois University in the first round of the O'Reilly Auto Parts OVC Tournament. The Skyhawks make a return to the OVC tournament for the first time since 2003.

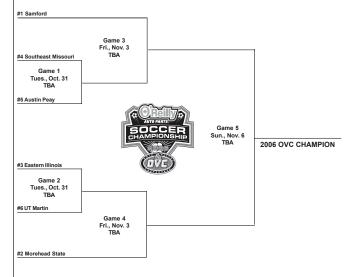
UTM comes into the tournament as the sixth seed after advancing past Jacksonville State in the OVC tiebreaker, decided by head-to-head regular season matches. The Skyhawks will travel to Charleston, Ill., to face EIU, who comes into the tournament as the third seed.

First-round games are hosted by the higher-seeded team, while teams seeded Nos. 1 and 2 receive a bye in the first round.

This will be the second trip to Charleston, Ill., for the Skyhawks this year. In the regular season matchup, UTM fell 1-0 to the Panthers. Since that trip early in the season, the Skyhawks have continued to improve and look to be a major threat in the tournament. The Skyhawks'

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defense is currently riding a streak of 562 minutes without being scored on and have recorded shutouts in the past five consecutive

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ference play with a 2-3-3 record in the OVC and 4-8-4 overall. In the short history of the program, the Skyhawks have advanced to the conference tourna-

Former Skyhawks chosen for school Hall of Fame

UTM Sports Information

Former UTM head football coach Don McLeary and former football player John Wright will be inducted into the university's Hall of Fame during the Letter Winners Breakfast and homecoming activities on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Also being inducted into the Hall of Fame will be former women's basketball player Zabrina Harris, former softball player Janee' Heath and former wrestling coach Richard "Bud" Reiselt.

McLeary served as the head football coach from

1986-96, and is the university's third all-time winningest coach. He led the 1988 team to a shared Gulf South Conference Championship and the NCAA Division II Quarterfinals.

Wright, from Honea Path, S.C., played football at UTM from 1970-74. He was a four-year starter at offensive tackle. He earned All-Gulf South Conference team honors in 1974.

Harris, from Gary, Ind., played from 1996-1999. She was named to the All-OVC Freshman Team, earned All-OVC honors two consecutive seasons and was named the 1999 OVC Player of the Year.

Heath, from Mayfield, Ky., played softball for two seasons (1995 and 1996) at UTM. She currently holds the school record for highest slugging percentage (.630). She is among the top 10 in UTM history in six statistical categories.

Reiselt started the wrestling program at UTM in 1969 and coached the team from 1969-1973 and from 1974-75. He coached the wrestling team's first Hall of Fame inductee, Bruce Boggs, who qualified to represent UTM in the NCAA Division II National Championship.



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UTM freshman goalkeeper Cara Sullivan comes up with a save during a recent home match. Sullivan, who has received recognition as OVC Player of the Week and Soccer Buzz national Elite Team of the Week, has played a key role in helping the team qualify for the OVC tourney for the first time since 2003.

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Lindell St. for the REED Center's use. While \$60,000 of that is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Smoyer questioned whether the city's spending the balance of \$163,700 is a wise investment, since the REED Center currently houses its offices at the former First State Bank in University Plaza for minimal rent.

"Two years ago, when they brought the REED Center to the city's attention with great excitement, it was initially said it wouldn't cost the city anything," Smoyer said. "And now, two years later, it's a quarter of a million dollars, which would be fine, if it would be seen that it would bring great benefit, if that would indeed spark new businesses."

But Smoyer said neither he nor the board has heard a report on how much

money the REED Center had infused into the local economy, as well as how many new businesses owe their startup to the center.

Smoyer said he is not opposed to economic training and development, just the expense to the city.

"We have to look at the gains versus the costs," Smoyer said. "If the REED Center could operate at less expense for Martin, I'd be all for it."

Additionally, he said the REED Center does not go far enough to ensure viable economic growth and development for Martin. In his plan, Smoyer outlined a narrower focus on development, proposing an entrepreneurial incubator program similar to the REED Center, but with the added benefit of having a building that would house offices and facilities for start-up businesses while offering

discounted utilities and other incentives.

"Training is one thing," Smoyer said, "but people need resources to start new businesses. A lot of people have ideas to start new businesses, but it's increasingly difficult to secure the initial capital. We should look at supplementing training with a mechanism for supporting new businesses."

However, REED Center Coordinator Hollie Holtsaid the center, which opened in August 2005 and operates on about \$55,000 per year, is adequately serving not only Martin, but also the surrounding region, and the center's downtown relocation is justified.

"Being downtown will help the center be noticeable, will bring traffic to the area, which will in turn benefit downtown development," Holt said. "There will also be other benefits

to the city, like having a seminar room that departments can use for their meetings."

Holt added Smoyer's claim that the center has not helped the Martin economy is false. She said the center has assisted 30 existing or start-up businesses in Martin alone. Furthermore, she said the center has helped keep some businesses afloat despite a fluctuating economic climate.

The opportunity to move into the vacated downtown building was a fortuitous one for both the city and the center, she said. Holt projected the center's downtown location to be more easily accessible by businesses, as well as help spur downtown economic development, which has been languishing in recent

Holt said the downtown building will not only house the REED Center, but also other city offices as well.

Brundige also stood in support of the REED Center's relocation, saying the center is an investment in the future of Martin.

"The center not only helps the community, but helps the tie between the city and community," he

said. "It gives people an opportunity to develop a business plan."

while Smover remained skeptical of the center's relocation, he also criticized Brundige's industrial recruitment, and he put forth a plan to encourage industrial recruitment by offering more tax breaks and incentives to industries eyeing Martin for relocation, which he said the city could afford if it cuts costs.

"We need to be more aggressive, more vigilant and more creative in bringing industry here," he said. "We need to work with the chamber to improve recruiting. There's a vested interest in the status quo here."

But Brundige countered Smoyer's plan, saying he has recently entered an alliance of Weakley County mayors in hiring an economic development adviser for the county, and he said the investment is already paying off.

"Now, we're not going to recruit (for industry) townby-town," he said. "We're recruiting for the county, and it makes sense. People are coming here for new business and new indus-

Brundige cited a recently

approved 100,000-squarefoot, \$2 million investment by Weakley County in an industrial spec building to be located in Martin. The city's share in the building will be about \$600,000, Brundige said.

Brundige listed ongoing efforts to improve the Union City airport, the recent Wal-Mart Supercenter construction and upcoming construction of a hotel, at least one strip mall and possibly a Walgreen's as signs of a successful commercial recruiting program.

Still, Smoyer, calling attention to economic decline, fiscal irresponsibility and increasing underemployment, said he thinks he could do better at keeping Martin's books in order.

"We're spending money like it's going out of style," he said. "And we need to keep spending common sense, encourage industrial growth through closer cooperation of the economic development boards and encourage new commercial ventures through a heightened entrepreneurial support system."

Brundige, Martin's first full-time mayor who is finishing his first four-year term, said his record speaks for itself.

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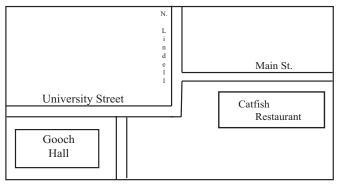
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not whether it is OK for a religious group to play in a public place; it is okay, said Kevin Bay, a senior philosophy major who attended the Campus Crossfire. The issue is that SAC is paying for a religious group to play. Kevin Bay cited part of the 1st amendment to the constitution: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free ex-

Kevin says that government, in this case SAC, can not prohibit a band from playing in a public venue based on their religion or lack thereof, but at the same time they can not endorse a band based on their religion or lack thereof.

Student Government Association President James Orr, who encouraged campus

ministries to ask SAC to sponsor Sonicflood said, "I think that the University and the SAC is endorsing entertainment. They're not endorsing a religion, they're not forcing anyone to come. So no, I don't think that any constitutional rights are being violated because it's entertainment and they're not promoting a religion."

Orr went on to say that he encourages student organizations to get involved with SAC, SGA and Homecoming, which is apperently how this situation came into being. He said he encouraged campus ministries to go to SAC with their idea to bring Sonicflood to UTM.

Orr said he encourages all students to go see Sonicflood, "I'll be going to see them."

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